

BOOK REVIEW

MARK TURNER and PHYLLIS GUSTAFSON. 2006. **Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest.** (ISBN 0-88192-745-7; 978-0-88192-745-0, flexibind). Timber Press Inc, 133 S.W. Second Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax.). \$27.95, 512 pp., 1248 color photos, 1221 maps, 31 line drawings, 5 3/4" × 8 1/4".

More than 1200 native and non-native species are described and illustrated, including 1247 color photos and 1219 range maps (indicating county distribution). The region covered is all of Washington and Oregon, plus southwestern British Columbia and the northern third of California. An ecoregions map and excellent summary intro chapter, "Climate, Geography, and Plant Habitats," set the stage. The photos are excellent, almost always showing flowers as well as critical vegetative features, and the morphological and ecological notes are brief and to the point. Six categories of flower color (white, yellow, orange, pink to red or red-purple, violet to blue or blue-purple, brown and green) provide the first division in the arrangement of species, followed within each color category by major structural features (e.g., number of petals, petals forming a tube or not, ovary inferior or superior, composite flowers). My perennial response to "color-coded" taxonomy is that so many people using this book will wish the blue- and white-flowered (etc.) species of a single genus were together, but apart from this personal bias, this book to me is a "third-generation" field guide, about as good as they get, useful to everyone interested in the flora of this region.—Guy Nesom, *Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4068, U.S.A.*